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Expedited Procedure - Group 2624

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:       | )                    |                        |
| SHINGO NOZAWA, et al.       | )                    | Examiner: W. Chen      |
| Application No.: 09/685,008 | )                    | Group Art Unit: 2624   |
| Filed: October 6, 2000      | )                    | <b>RECEIVED</b>        |
| For: IMAGE ENCODING METHOD  | )                    | OCT 04 2004            |
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: